The total allotment made to the Railways by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from Madhya Pradesh through the two agencies, viz. Madhya Pradesh Rnjyn Van Vikas Nigam Ltd. (MPRVVN) and Madhya Pradesh Export Corporation taken together has not been reduced.

(d) Does not arise.

**Conversion of Railway Lines**

1069. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the. Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the yearwise Plan allocation proposed for conversion of Railway lines from metre-gauge, kilometre-wise, during the Eighth Plan in the country and particularly for Rajasthan ; and

(b) whether the allocation of funds is adequate and there would be no hinde-rance in the completion of the project on scheduled time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Year-wise allocations are determined based on annual plan size and planhead-wise outlay as fixed by the Planning Commission. Outlay for the current year 1992-93 is Rs. 559.40 crores of which approximately Rs. 121 crores is (or Gauge conversion works in Rajasthan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

**Trade Unions in Production Units of Railways**

1070. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that trade unions are not recognised in the Production units of the Railways :

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the present policy of non-recognition is proposed to be replaced by a policy of recognition through Secret Ballot ; and

(d) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The system of Staff Councils in all Production units is considered best suited because of the fact that the staff is concentrated at one place and the representatives are elected directly by the employees.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Diesel Sngines Manufactured in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works**

1071. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of diesel engines manufactured in Chittaranjan Locomitive Works during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) whether Government propose to re. duce the number of manufactured units; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and likely consequences thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALUKARJUN) : (a) The number of diesel engines manufactured in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works during the last three years, is as under :—

| Year | No. |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 42 |
| 1990-91 | 44 |
| 1991-92 | 45 |

!b) Yes. Sir.

(c) Electric Locomotives are required in larger number due to increased emphasis on electrification and, therefore, it has been decided that facilities available at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, which is